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12 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
13 EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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Case Nos: CIV S-04-2536 DFL GGH

16 PATRICIA MALONE KEANE

CIV S-04-2537 DFL GGH

17 JACK STEVENSON

CIV S-04-2538 DFL GGH

18 ANDREW CARELTON

CIV S-04-2539 DFL GGH

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20 Plaintiff,

21 vs.

22 THOMPSON FINANCIAL CO., INC., THE
23 THOMPSON CORPORATION, a
Corporation, and DOES 1-5, inclusive,

24 Defendants.
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**STIPULATION AND [PROPOSED]
ORDER RE TRIAL CONTINUANCE
AND CONSOLIDATION OF CASES FOR
TRIAL**

26 The parties to the above-entitled actions have met and conferred and hereby jointly submit
27 the following Stipulation and Order.

28 WHEREAS the parties intend to mediate these four cases in an effort to resolve them;

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1 WHEREAS a mediation was last scheduled to take place on March 30th, 2006, but was
2 canceled due to the unavailability of one plaintiff and then the mediator;

3 WHEREAS, due to the schedule of the various parties, their counsel, and the mediator, a
4 further mediation cannot be held until May 2006 at the earliest;

5 WHEREAS, the final pre-trial conference in this case is currently scheduled for May 10,
6 2006 and trial is scheduled for June 26, 2006;

7 WHEREAS, it would not serve the interests of the Court or the parties to proceed with a
8 pre-trial conference and trial prior to a meaningful mediation and possible settlement of the action;

9 WHEREAS, the parties have contacted the Court and obtained alternative dates for a pre-
10 trial conference and trial in this matter; and

11 WHEREAS, the parties have considered the matter and concluded that consolidating the
12 four above-referenced cases for trial best serves judicial economy;

13 NOW, THEREFORE, the parties stipulate as follows:

- 14 1. The above-captioned cases shall be consolidated for purposes of trial;
- 15 2. The final pre-trial conference in the above-referenced cases shall be continued to
16 2:00 p.m. on July 28, 2006; seven days prior to the pre-trial conference, the parties shall submit a
17 joint pre-trial statement and otherwise comply with Court's March 28, 2005 Status Order
18 concerning the Final Pre-Trial Conference; and

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3. The trial in the above-referenced cases shall be continued until September 11, 2006 starting at 9:00 a.m.

It is so stipulated.

Dated: March 28, 2006

THELEN REID & PRIEST LLP

By /s/ Robert A. Dolinko
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Dated: March 28, 2006

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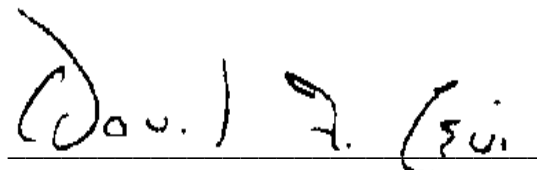
By /s/ Robert P. Biegler
Robert P. Biegler
Attorneys for Plaintiffs

ORDER

The Court, having considered the parties' Stipulation and Proposed Order and the other pleadings on file in these cases, orders as follows:

1. The above-captioned cases are consolidated for trial;
2. The pre-trial conference is continued until July 28, 2006, starting at 2:00 p.m.
3. The trial is continued until September 11, 2006, starting at 9:00 a.m.

Dated: 3/31/2006


DAVID F. LEVI
United States District Judge